

# Airpower Effects

As of 30 June 2016

The number of weapons employed and missions executed are just two of the many metrics the Combined Force Air Component Commander uses as a means of assessment. June was an extremely kinetic month, where near record numbers were achieved. Coalition air operations continue to enable our partners on the ground to fight Da'esh, further degrading their combat capability and ability to isolate and dismantle terrorist groups on the ground to a point they can no longer sustain themselves or operate as a cohesive organization. June's airpower summary reflects continued precision engagements against and persistent pressure placed on the enemy.

For Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Coalition airpower provides a vital contribution to the overall campaign. Airstrikes continue to enable the success of counter-insurgency operations across Afghanistan as well as provide round-the-clock protection for ground forces. Aerial refueling, Intelligence, as well as Surveillance and Reconnaissance sorties provide critical support to operations. The Afghan Air Force continues to increase in capability and capacity with increased numbers of fixed-wing and rotary aircraft, including C-208s, MD-530s, Mi-17s, Mi-35s, A-29s and C-130s.

In Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), the Air Coalition continues to strike more lucrative targets with greater effect while striking the enemy at an increased pace. In June, the Air Coalition successfully conducted 1,888 combat strike sorties flown against Da'esh and saw the second highest number of weapons employed and strikes for OIR since July 2015 with 3,167 weapons employed and 884 total strikes. Strikes against logistics lines, command and control, weapons manufacturing areas and financial resources are helping shape the battlespace for Coalition ground forces and was evident during Fallujah's liberation.

In addition to striking strategic targets of significance, Coalition airpower is focused on supporting Iraqi forces to halt Da'esh at every turn. Coalition airstrikes in Syria continue to shape operations meant to degrade Da'esh's resources and effectiveness while limiting their freedom of movement. Conducting strikes in heavily populated areas where Da'esh hides can present a challenge, but Coalition pilots are extremely patient and Coalition weapon systems are extremely accurate and precise.

The territory that Da'esh controls continues to shrink as they fail to hold ground when confronted by Iraqi and Syrian opposition forces. They have lost almost 50 percent of the area they once controlled and airpower continues to place them in a continuous state of pressure while eroding their capability to sustain and finance operations.

# Combined Forces Air Component Commander

## 2011-2016 Airpower Statistics

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### OPERATION FREEDOM SENTINEL/RESOLUTE SUPPORT MISSION

#### Close Air Support

Sorties	
2011	34,514
2012	28,760
2013	21,900
2014	12,978
2015	5,774
2016	2,547

#### Sorties with at least one weapon release

2011	2,678
2012	1,975
2013	1,408
2014	1,136
2015	411
2016	269

#### Number of Weapons Released

Less Activity



More Activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2011	405	341	337	339	426	610	695	516	597	663	308	174	5,411
2012	170	116	227	252	406	521	504	589	385	414	297	202	4,083
2013	193	297	250	284	368	337	256	158	232	189	118	76	2,758
2014	92	114	95	115	164	272	205	437	441	217	87	126	2,365
2015	40	30	47	31	41	109	79	156	111	203	69	31	947
2016	127	115	58	62	89	94							545

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	38,198	34,937	31,049	32,999	21,634	9,498
Airlift Sorties	57,000	39,000	32,000	17,040	6,900	4,400
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)	241,000	265,000	201,000	158,400	50,000	28,200
Airlift Passengers	1,233,000	749,000	506,000	202,700	78,000	51,800
OEF Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	80,199,000	41,952,000	10,883,000	28,000	0	0
Tanker Sorties	19,469	16,007	12,319	9,085	5,323	2,325
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	1,095	980	723	636	201	56
Aircraft Refuelings	90,476	67,020	53,266	46,793	26,162	6,544
Casualty Evacuation Sorties	2,959	2,171	576	115	1	0
Saves	1,611	1,187	219	32	3	1
Assists	2,121	1,646	477	84	0	0

\* Some figures may have changed due to data re-calculation and re-verification

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## 2011-2016 Airpower Statistics

### OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

#### Close Air Support/Escort/Interdiction

#### Number of Weapons Released

Less Activity



More Activity

Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release		Number of Weapons Released														
2014	6,591	2014	2,003	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total		
2015	21,116	2015	9,912	2,426	1,853	1,685	1,862	2,145	1,683	2,823	2,758	2,380	2,694	3,242	3,145	28,696		
2016	10,615	2016	5,975	2,718	2,090	2,052	2,582	2,341	3,160							14,943		

	2014	2015	2016
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	2,373	9,514	5,153
Airlift and Airdrop Sorties	1,992	10,050	4,500
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)*	14,555	78,500	35,400
Airlift Passengers*	9,900	47,200	23,400
Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	1,417,900	111,200	39,221
Tanker Sorties	4,859	14,737	6,195
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	282	912	378
Aircraft Refuelings	28,956	84,381	39,521

\* Iraq only



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